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General Comment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) dated September 24, 2010. These substantive comments are being provided during the official public 45-day comment period ending November 8, 2010. Given that the Bay TMDL is structured to rely on the jurisdictions' watershed implementation plans to provide "reasonable assurance", these comments may include elements of the September 2010 Public Review Draft of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) and the subsequent Editorial and Technical Corrections (revisions) dated September 24, 2010. While the City of Alexandria (City) has taken this opportunity to provide this comment letter, the City also participates on various committees and forums of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (COG), the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and the Combined Sewer System Communities. We agree with these comments and incorporate them by reference rather than repeating them here.

We continue to work with the Virginia Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the US Environmental Protection Agency to protect and enhance our local water resources and the Potomac River, with the goal of restoring the Chesapeake Bay.

Attachments

EPA-R03-OW-2010-0736-0463.1: Comment attachment submitted by Lalit K. Sharma, Division Chief, Office of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, City of Alexandria, Virginia